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1. From 10-12 November 1947, an official journey was made to the Baltic ports by Fitzner, the president, and other members of the Central Administration for Trade to investigate the status of the dredging program, the placing of German sea marks (Seezeichen) in harbor development plans, and the salvaging of sunken vessels.
2.
  - a. As of 12 November 1947, 600,000 cubic meters of the dredging target of 1,700,000 cubic meters for the year 1947 had been completed.
  - b. The target of 2,100,000 cubic meters set by Lt. General Kvaschnin had been allowed to drop, as it was considered technically impossible.
  - c. It was hoped to be able to cease dredging by 15 December 1947 and to leave 14 days available for the repair and overhaul of the equipment.
3. On 12 November 1947 there was a conference in Schwerin under the chairmanship of Col. Potosov, who attributed the failure to attain the dredging target to sabotage on the part of the workers.
4.
  - a. The failure to achieve the dredging target was particularly noticeable in the cases of Rostock and Warnemünde.
  - b. In the case of Wismar, the shortage of tugs for the dredging operations was confirmed. This was rectified by the General Directorate through the allotment of tugs from the inland waterways system.
  - c. Because the Russian ship "Asia" was to lie in front of the Kröger Werft in Warnemünde, a new order was given that dredging was to be carried out to a depth of 7 meters.
6.
  - a. From the Russian point of view, the dredging operations in Stralsund were the most satisfactory of all the Baltic ports.
  - b. The Ziegelgrabenbrücke (bascule bridge) is in position at Stralsund, but is not yet in operation.
7.
  - a. The proposed dredging target for the year 1948 is 1,500,000 cubic meters.
  - b. Work is being carried out on details of the plan. A width of 50 meters

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is envisaged for the harbor entrance at Wismar.

8. a. The dredger "Stettin" has been raised at Stralsund; it is lying in the yards of the Ingenieur-Bau-gesellschaft Stralsund.
- b. The training ship "Gorch Fock", which had also been raised, is lying there. 50X1-HUM
- c. The Spüher "Lebbin", a ship of approximately 500 tons, was raised on 14 November 1947.
- d. The tug "Borussia" has been raised at Lassnitz and removed to the East.

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